



Better Together Autumn Gala 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions

This year, we're excited to offer two opportunities to experience Better Together! We know schedules look different for everyone. By offering both a morning Celebration Breakfast and our traditional Evening Gala, we hope to make it easier for current and new supporters to connect with the mission of Alternatives Care Centers.

Both events will feature the same inspiring program and high level of excellence that guests have come to expect. Whether you attend our Celebration Breakfast or traditional Evening Gala, you'll enjoy the same exceptional experience. Simply choose between the relaxed, business-casual atmosphere of our Celebration Breakfast or the elegance of our traditional Evening Gala.

Registration

- **When does registration open?** August 11, 2026
- **How do I register?** Follow the online registration link on our website to the easy-to-fill-out registration form. www.alternativescc.support/events
- **Is there a cost to attend?** No. However, this is our largest fundraising event, so there will be an opportunity to partner with Alternatives.
- **Is this an event for children?** This event is designed for guests ages 16 and older.
- **What if the event fills up?** Both events can accommodate 500 people. If your first choice fills up, please consider the other option.
- **What dietary accommodations are available?** When you register, there is a section to indicate food allergies. We can accommodate gluten, vegetarian, dairy, or nut allergies.
- **What if my plans change?** Please contact our event coordinator, Debbie Koenig, by emailing debbie@alternativesofkzoo.org

Seating

- **Can I request to sit with friends or family?** Yes! Requests should be made at the time of registration.
- **Will there be assigned seating?** For those who register without choosing a table host, you will be assigned a table. However, we will do our best to keep you with your seating preferences.
- **How many people sit at a table?** Each table can seat 8 people.
- **What if I'm attending by myself?** No problem! We will seat you at a table with available seats.

Arrival & Logistics

- **What time should I arrive?** Please plan to arrive by 7:20 AM for the Celebration Breakfast or 6:20 PM for the Gala Dinner. The buffet will be open upon arrival, allowing you time to enjoy your meal before the program begins.
- **Is parking free?** Yes. Parking is available throughout the property. Parking attendants will be on hand to direct you to the closest parking spaces.
- **Is the venue wheelchair accessible?** Yes.
- **Is there handicapped parking?** Yes. A limited number of parking spaces near the banquet facility are reserved for guests with handicapped permits. In addition, shuttle service will be available from all other parking areas to assist guests as needed.

General Event Questions

- **Is this event appropriate for someone who has never attended before?** Absolutely! It's a wonderful opportunity for people to hear about the incredible work God is doing at Alternatives.
- **Can I invite friends?** Yes! Simply have them register for the event and indicate who they would like to sit with that evening.
- **Is there a dress code?** No; however, the breakfast will be more business attire, while the evening is a bit more elegant.
- **Can I volunteer at the event?** Absolutely! Please contact our event coordinator, Debbie Koenig, by emailing debbie@alternativesofkzoo.org